

VIRGINIA RAILROADS.

Annual Meetings Held by the R. & P. Petersburg, and R. F. & P. R. R. (By Telegraph.)

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ALONG THE WATER FRONT

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT THE ABOUT THE PIER.

Entrances and Clearances at the Custom House. List of Vessels Now in Port. Other Marine Items.

Sun rises 6:51. Sun sets 4:52. High water 3:58 A. M. and 4:28 P. M. Low water 10:23 A. M. and 10:24 P. M.

Weather Forecast for Tuesday, Virginia—Rain, with cold or in western portions; high southerly winds. Wednesday decidedly colder.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Vessels Arrived Yesterday.

Steamship Pisa (Ger.), From, New York. Steamship Orion (Am.), Smith, Boston.

Schooner R. C. French, Lynn, Fall River. Schooner Kate, R. Ogden, Willert, Fall River.

Schooner W. O. Snow, Fall River. Schooner George P. Davenport, McLeod, Boston.

Schooner Clara A. Donnell, Brendage, Boston. Large Klingler, Boston.

Large Hartman, Boston. Large West Virginia, Providence.

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Steamship Orion (Am.), Smith, Boston. Schooner R. C. French, Lynn.

Schooner W. O. Snow, Salem.

THE PISA IN PORT.

The steamship Pisa, which arrived here Sunday, with a big cargo of glassware and crockery, discharged her freight yesterday, and is now taking a general cargo, preparatory to returning to her home port. She will probably sail today or tomorrow.

ARLINGTON'S BIG CARGO.

The steamship Arlington, bound for Leith, sailed from this port yesterday, with a cargo of grain and other commodities. She carried 72,000 bushels of wheat, 13,000 bushels of maize, 600 tons of cotton seed meal, 100 tons of cotton seed cake, 450 bales of cotton, 15,000 sacks of flour, and five car loads of sugar, the whole making a pretty large and valuable load, for even a ship of the Arlington's immense capacity.

TO ARRIVE TODAY.

The steamships Storing and Polano, United States Shipping Company, are scheduled to arrive here today. The former is bound for Rotterdam and the latter for Bristol. Each of these ships will take on a general cargo.

UNLOADED BUILDING MATERIAL.

The schooner Zephyr, with lumber for the Hooker-Porch Company, and the John Oliver, with lumber for R. W. Newman, tied up and unloaded at the pier of the Old Dominion Land Company yesterday.

UTO LEAVES DRY DOCK.

The Norwegian steamship Uto, which has been in the dry dock at the shipyard and undergoing extensive repairs, was launched yesterday. Today she sails for Cuba.

BRIEFS.

The name of Eakle's new hotel will be McAlhany Inn.

Mrs. J. Rayner left yesterday for New York on a business trip.

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THE LITTLE ENCYCLOPEDIA.

The world has 200,000 postmasters. One pound of Indian tea will make 150 strong cups of tea.

The wigs used by the actors are listed under descriptive names. The tents of the Bedouin Arabs are usually black. They are made of goat's hair cloth.

The lower grade of molasses, which is unsalable, is used as fuel. Of 500,000 tons were used last year.

Butter and lard are declared by a medical writer to be the most nourishing of all foods.

The value of the average annual production of the earth has been estimated at \$10,000,000,000.

A famous musician says that 10 per cent. of the Germans understand music, 16 per cent. of the French, and 10 per cent. of the English.

The Grand canyon of Arizona, the greatest known, is about 200 miles long, upward of 7,000 feet deep and some points, from rim to rim, measure ten to twelve miles in breadth.

The monument over the remains of President Madison was not erected until about 22 years after his death, and then through private subscription. His grave meanwhile had been trampled, so that at the time of placing the monument the location of the body was identified with difficulty.

An inventor has hit upon a method of putting stone soles on boots and shoes. He mixes a waterproofing with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand, and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation. These quartz soles are said to be very flexible and practically indestructible, and to give the foot a firm hold even on the most slippery surface.

MUTTONS IN SHAVING.

There are No Fewer Than Five Hundred Strokes in a First-Class Shave.

"Now that you're finished shaving me, how many strokes of the razor did it require?" asked the man in the chair, as he straightened up to have his hair combed, says the Philadelphia Times.

"That's pretty hard to tell," said the barber.

"Of course it is. But you've been in the business how long?"

"Fifteen years."

"You ought to know by this time about how many strokes of the razor it requires to shave a man, supposing that you go over his face a second time."

"I might make a guess at it."

"All right. What's your guess? Remember that I have a hard beard."

"Well, I should say about 125."

"You're a good guesser; I don't think. Some time ago I got into the habit of counting the strokes of a razor every time I was being shaved. It's a good way to employ your mind. In shaving me you just made 732 strokes with the razor."

"I wouldn't have believed it."

"No man believes it until he takes the trouble to count. In my case I never knew the number to fall below 500, and I have gone more than 800 at times. I call it a stroke every time the razor is brought forward and then drawn back. I should judge that there are no fewer than 500 strokes in a first-class shave. You remember that, and probably you can win a few bets."

A Beetle That Holds On.

The rhinoceros beetle has a tenacious and as powerful a grasp as the most ferocious bulldog. Its head may be two-thirds torn from its body, and it will not loosen its hold. It has real horns and not mandibles, like many of its family.

Loss of Time from Illness.

It has been calculated that the loss from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of work in the year, or 21 1/2 per cent. of the work done by the whole population between 15 and 65 years of age.

Pure Milk 6 cents a quart; 20 cents by the gallon from good, healthy cows, not quarantined. A. L. Parker. 11-41m

Notice

Sale of Valuable Lot on Corner of West Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street.

By virtue of decree in Chancery granted by the Corporation Court of the city of Newport News, Virginia, at the October term, 1898, and filed on the 12th day of October 1898, in the case of Williams, Guardian et al. vs. Williams et al., I shall as commissioner appointed thereby, proceed to sell at public auction, on the premises, to the highest bidder, at 12 o'clock M. SATURDAY, THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898. All that part of the city of Newport News, Virginia, which said map is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the city of Newport News, in Plat Book No. 1, page 3.

TERMS:—Cash, or one-third cash, and the residue in two equal installments payable respectively on March 1st, 1899 and March 1st, 1900, the credit of the City of Newport News, Virginia, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, to be paid by the purchaser or purchasers executing bonds therefor payable in said respective dates; and title to property retained until the whole of the purchase money paid and a conveyance directed by the Court.

E. M. BRAXTON, Special Commissioner.

I hereby certify that the bond required of the above named special commissioner, E. M. Braxton, by decree in above named cause has been executed.

D. G. SMITH, Clerk.

By C. C. HARGRAVE, Deputy, Clerk of Corporation Court of Newport News.

A Good Judge of Fuel,

will never burn anything but our high grade coal. It is not only satisfactory for cooking and heating purposes, but its intense heat and long continued combustion makes it economical in the household.

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THE BEGINNING OF IT.

He—You look good enough to eat, this morning, Ethel.

She—Indeed! Why don't you eat me, then?

He—My doctor told me to avoid sweets.—Harper's Bazar.

Explained.

Mabel—Now is it that Edith, who used to be so pale, now has such rosy cheeks?

Dolly—Her new beau has a very tough beard.—Philadelphia North American.

THEY ARE GOING FAST

The Great Introductory Sale of Pianos a Grand Success.

Several Instruments Taken the First Day by Delighted Customers—Pianos Going at About Half Price.

The first day of the great piano sale of "High Grade" instruments was a marked success, several instruments being taken by delighted customers.

From indications our stock will not last ten days.

It is not a hardship to